

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 27, 2007

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Hearing Officer's Report on a Public Hearing for Two Proposed Additions to the Forest Reserve System on Kauai, and Approval and Recommendation to Governor for the issuance of Executive Orders:  
1) Addition of approximately 9,216 acres to Puu Ka Pele Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai; 2) Addition of approximately 142 acres to the newly designated Mana Plains Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai.

**Background:** The following items were previously considered and recommended by the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Board meetings of February 10, 2006 and February 9, 2007: Addition of approximately 9,216 acres to Puu Ka Pele Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai (Exhibit A). This proposed addition includes two large parcels comprising a large portion of the lower Waimea Canyon land area, and 16 smaller kuleana parcels occurring along the Waimea River in the same proximity. A vast majority of the acreage comprising these proposed additions is within the State Land Use Conservation District, Resource Subzone. Approximately 10 acres at the most makai extent of the two large canyon parcels are within the State Land Use Agriculture District. All of the subject lands are within the County of Kauai CZO Agriculture District. These lands would be added to the Forest Reserve for the purposes of forestry and watershed management, public hunting, and ancillary uses.
2. Board meeting of May 27, 2005: Addition of approximately 142 acres to the newly designated Mana Plains Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai (Exhibit B). The proposed addition is comprised of TMK (4) 1-2-002: portion 1, which is located in the State Land Use Agriculture District and the County of Kauai CZO Agriculture District. These lands would be added to the Forest Reserve System for coastal plant habitat and Wildlife Sanctuary purposes, and ancillary uses.

Approval to hold a public hearing on the proposed forest reserve additions was obtained from the Chairperson on February 27, 2007. In accordance with Notices of Public Hearing published in

the Honolulu Star Bulletin and The Garden Island on Sunday, March 4, 2007, a public hearing was held on March 19, 2007 to receive public input on the two items detailed above. No members of the public attended this meeting, the proceedings of which are summarized in the Hearing Officer's report (Exhibit C). Written testimony was received from one individual by regular post, in favor of the proposed addition at Mana Plains (Exhibit D).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Accept the Hearing Officer's report and minutes of the public hearing.
2. Approve of and recommend to the Governor the issuance of executive orders for the following actions:
  - a. Addition of approximately 9,216 acres to Puu Ka Pele Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai; Tax Map Keys (4) 1-5-001: 001 and 002, and (4) 1-5-003: 007, 008, 009, 010, 013, 015, 016, 017, 019, 020, 021, 022, 024, 027 and 040.
  - b. Addition of approximately 142 acres to the newly designated Mana Plains Forest Reserve, Waimea District, Kauai; Tax Map Key (4) 1-2-002: portion 1.

Respectfully submitted,



PAUL J. CONRY  
Administrator

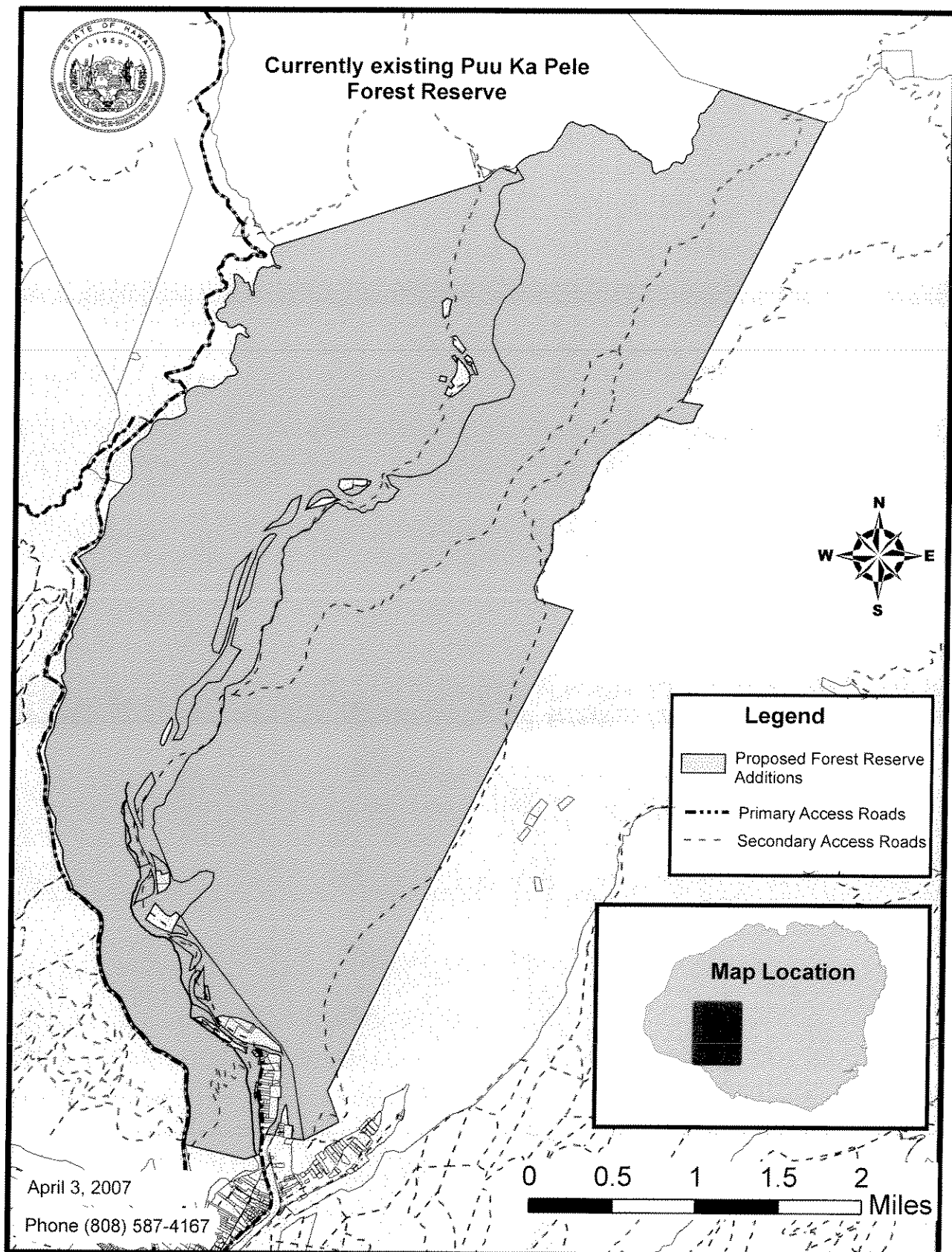
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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

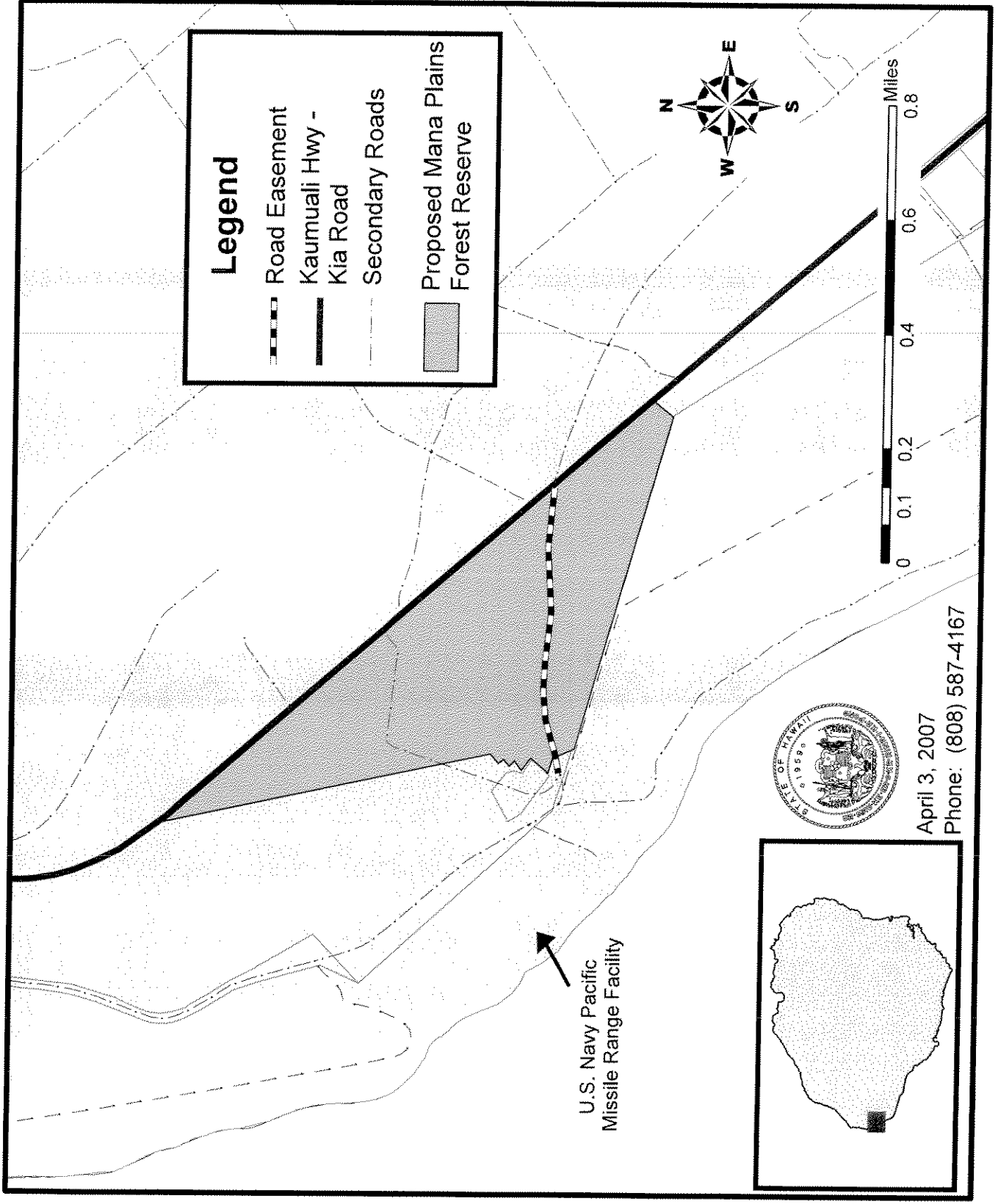


PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

# Proposed Addition to Puu Ka Pele Forest Reserve



# Proposed Mana Plains Forest Reserve



## HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND MINUTES OF:

### Public Hearing for Two Proposed Additions of Government Lands to Forest Reserves on the Island of Kauai

Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue (Puhi)

March 19, 2007

#### *SUMMARY OF TESTIMONIES Received*

*Written testimonies are kept on file in the Division of Forestry and Wildlife for public review.*

1. Lynn McCrory, (written), Pahio Development, Inc. President, testimony in support.

#### **I. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS**

- A. The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were the following staff member from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife:

<u>Alvin Kyono – Hearing Officer</u>	Kauai Branch Manager
Galen Kawakami	Kauai Forestry Manager
Thomas Kaiakapu	Kauai Wildlife Manager
Lindsey Ibara	Kauai Wildlife Biologist
Michael Constantinides	Oahu Forestry Program Manager
Melissa Sprecher	Oahu Service Forester

- B. No members of the public attended this meeting, thus no written or oral testimony was collected in regards to the proposed Forest Reserve additions during the meeting. The information that the Division of Forestry and Wildlife had prepared regarding these additions was not presented as there were no attendees other than staff. Written testimony was received from one individual by regular post, in favor of the proposed additions (attached).
- C. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

#### **II. APPROVALS AND NOTICES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Approval to hold this public hearing on the proposed forest reserve additions was obtained from the Chairperson of DLNR February 27, 2007.
- B. Notice of this public hearing was published on March 4, 2007 in the Sunday editions of the Honolulu Star Bulletin and The Garden Island.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Melissa Sprecher.

March 19, 2007



Forestry Program Manager  
DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl St. #325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Addition of TMK (4) 1-2-002: portion 1, Mana Plains Forest Reserve

Gentlemen:

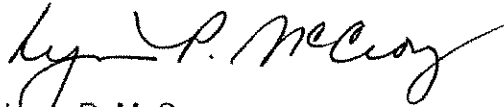
This testimony is in SUPPORT of the addition of the Mana Plains TMK (4) 1-2-002 area to be included in the Forest Reserve for coastal plant habitat and Wildlife Sanctuary purposes and ancillary uses. The 142 acres will be highly protected by their inclusion in the Forest Reserve.

The Kauai Forestry & Wildlife staff has been working on this preserve to become a viable wildlife sanctuary and wetland reserve for the past eight years. In combination with Ducks Unlimited they have been granted a Federal Coastal Grant of \$1,000,000 to make this reality. The further protection of the Forest Reserve status will ensure the ongoing support and preservation that are needed.

I humbly ask that you SUPPORT the inclusion of TMK (4) 1-2-002, Mana Plains into the Forest Reserve. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana  
With warm aloha,

PAHIO DEVELOPMENT, INC.



Lynn P. McCrory  
President

C: Alvin Kyono, Kauai DLNR DOFAW